

## THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

## BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: Gayla Teems and her daughter, Tiffany Welchel, were murdered in their

home in Pickens County Georgia, during a home invasion on August 15,

1999; and

WHEREAS: A juvenile who accompanied the intruder into the residence where the

crime was committed has been arrested and has pled guilty to his

involvement in the crime; and

WHEREAS: A primary suspect has been identified but, so far, has eluded capture; and

WHEREAS: Section 45-12-35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotation provides that

the Governor of the State of Georgia is authorized, in his discretion, to offer and cause to be paid a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons who have committed a felony in

the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: On March 4, 2000, former Governor Roy E. Barnes, issued an Executive

Order offering a reward in the amount of \$8,000 for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of any person or persons

responsible for the death of Gayla Teems and Tiffany Welchel;

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN

ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the March 4, 2000 Executive Order be and is hereby rescinded; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER;

ORDERED: That a reward in the amount of \$10,000.00 is hereby offered for

information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of Gayla Teems and Tiffany

Welchel.

This 34<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY